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The deputy director of the PRC's Taiwan affairs office announced yesterday, after meeting with the head of Taiwan's unofficial strait exchanges foundation (SEF), that the "Chinese mainland and Taiwan" had agreed to cooperate on fighting piracy and smuggling in the Taiwan strait, according to *Xinhua*. The Taiwan press reports that Beijing has decided to establish an SEF counterpart that may be allowed to open a reciprocal Taiwan office.

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